

**Austwick Parish Council**  
**Meeting 6 2024-2025 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**  
**Minutes**

The Parish Council allocated a reasonable period of time at the start of the meeting to allow registered electors the opportunity to ask questions and / or make statements that relate to the work of the Council.

**Public Participation:**

Mr Ellison asked the Council to note that he believes that the quarrying company at Dry Rigg Quarry is undertaking works that are not in accordance with their consent C/04/609B/DEC. In summary they have, in his assessment, removed land circa 16m too far North which, if not rectified, would diminish the usable area of the parish and prevent enjoyment by the public of access land. This would be the only corridor of access land in that area. Mr Ellison has been in correspondence with Mr Graham at the YDNPA for over three weeks and has not yet reached a satisfactory agreement with the authority. The Council **agreed** for the Chair, Cllr Goold, and one or more of the other Councillors to discuss this matter further with Mr Ellison and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Cleverly participated at items 6.7c: plans for the Annual Parish Meeting, 6.8d: Austwick Beck erosion damage at Flascoe Bridge, and 6.8e: lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters.

**6.1 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.**

a **Present:** Cllrs Peter Goold (Chairman), Barbara Tibbatts, David Dewhirst, and Mark Robinson.

**In attendance:** Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and three members of the public.

**Apologies** for absence given in advance of the meeting by Cllr Kate Smith.

b Members of the Council had been notified of the reason for absence of Cllr Smith and **resolved** to accept the reason given.

**6.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests.**

a. Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on the agenda.

b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this agenda.

**6.3 North Yorkshire Councillor and North Yorkshire Police reports:**

The Council had **received** the written police report which contained 15 incidents in the parish and in the surrounding area during the period between 11 October and 29 November 2024, all of a minor nature.

There was no report from the North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

**6.4 Minutes of Meetings**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Meeting 5, held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chair, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

**6.5 To receive updates on Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda**

a. BOAT status issue at Thwaite Lane: determination of the Planning Inspectorate's decision

The Council **noted** that a copy of the Order as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modification together with the Planning Inspector's Order decision dated 16 September 2024 have been deposited at Settle Community Library and advertised locally.

The Council noted that the deadline to submit an objection to the Inspector's proposed modifications is on or before 5 December 2024.

**6.6 Planning**

**a. Applications**

1. C/04/41H Full planning permission for erection of 6 No. dwellings and associated works at L Preston & Sons, M O T Centre, Town Head, Austwick. The Council **noted** that the deadline to provide comments was on or before 7<sup>th</sup> November and that an extension had been agreed

until 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Council **ratified** to not submit any further comments on the application to the YDNPA prior to this deadline.

2. The Council **noted** the YDNPA notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the fell of 2 Ash trees, covered by a Tree Preservation Order at Higson House, Austwick.

**b. Decisions**

1. C/04/705 Revised set of plans for full planning permission for conversion of barn to 4-bed dwelling for local occupancy, together with installation of package sewage treatment plant at Fleet Barn, Wharfe Road, Austwick. **Approved conditionally**
2. C/04/709C Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 of C/49/26F (Full planning permission for erection of extension to form new entrance hall) in respect of amendments to the design at Fechs Sheiling, Feizor, Austwick. **Refused.**
3. C/04/141V Full planning permission for change of use of property from Bed and Breakfast business/residential dwelling to solely residential use at Wood View, The Green, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**

**c. Additional and other planning matters**

The Council **noted** it had not received any additional and other planning matters.

**6.7 To note reports and updates regarding parish and parish council matters other than maintenance**

**a. Austwick WWTW overflow follow up meeting**

The Council **agreed** to notify Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council that, should that Council decide to organise a follow-up meeting to discuss the situation regarding the Austwick Waste Water Treatment Works, Austwick Councillors would like to be notified.

**b. YDNPA Autumn Parish Forum online meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November**

The Council noted the written report, sent by Cllr Smith, about topics discussed at the Autumn Parish Forum meeting, such as the NYC home-school new policy; an expected next version of the Local Plan 2025-2040 in February 2025, including re-reviewed allocation sites as well as barn development; informal event to protect the YDNPA's dark night skies in Bainbridge; discussion on electric charging points in Parish and community assets; and the introduction to the active travel plan.

**c. plans for the Annual Parish Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Council **agreed** to send an early invitation to NYC Cllr David Ireton and to the YDNPA Area Ranger William Locke. The Council **considered** inviting a guest speaker to the Annual Parish Meeting and **agreed** for the Chair, Cllr Goold, to ask Mr Robert Ashford, the YDNPA Access and Recreation Team and Projects Manager, to give a presentation regarding the development of the Active Travel Plan. The Council **decided** to further review its plans for the APM, including inviting North Yorkshire Police, at the Parish Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The Council had **received** communication from the officer of the Yorkshire Peat Partnership, offering to deliver an end-of-project presentation at the APM. The Chair of the Austwick Field and Local History Society, Mr Graham Cleverly, informed the Council that a presentation to the Society on the completed works at Swarth Moor is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The Council **agreed** to not invite the YPP officer as a guest speaker to its APM as the community will be better served by the presentation on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**d. Meeting of the Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The Chair, Cllr Goold, **reported** that the Trustees had made five grants to local parishioners in the last year throughout the ten eligible local parishes and that the charity had this year decided to award the balance of its income to be divided between the three local foodbanks.

**6.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:**

**a. issues relating to NYC Highways**

The Council **noted** that no issues relating to NYC Highways were reported.

- b. overgrown verges on bridleway parallel with A65 between Austwick and Clapham  
The Council **noted** that the above mentioned verges have been strimmed by the YDNPA Area Ranger.
- c. damaged fingerpost at Holm Lane  
The Council was **informed** that the damaged fingerpost at Holm Lane has now disappeared and that a replacement post has not been installed yet. Cllr Robinson **reported** that, in addition, the stile at this location is in a poor state of repair. The Council **agreed** to contact the YDNPA Area Ranger, asking when a replacement fingerpost can be installed and also to inspect the stile and take any appropriate action deemed necessary.
- d. other issues relating to YDNPA  
\* Austwick Beck erosion damage at Flascoe Bridge  
The Chair, Cllr Goold, **reported** about the erosion damage to the bank of Austwick Beck at Flascoe Bridge, which has accelerated over time and has recently become extreme and that a resident has asked if the Parish Council would consider the situation and decide if any action can be taken to remedy the damage. The Council was **informed** that remedial works at this location would be very costly, would probably not be lasting, and would likely conflict with the natural flow of Austwick Beck. The Council **agreed** to take no action at the present time and to monitor the situation.
- e. lengthsman duties or other parish maintenance matters  
The Council **agreed** to consider the possibility of installing an additional notice board in Wharfe at the Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## 6.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 30 November 2024 as £14,470.40.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of £52.50 to Charlotte Wilkinson for seven weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- c. The Council **noted** the lengthsman services report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 31<sup>st</sup> October and **noted** an overspend on the budget of £230.
- d. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £51.75 for maintenance on village greens; £258.75 for maintenance on village verges; and £505.62 for maintenance on outlying areas, all for October.
- e.1 The Council **noted** the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024-2025 for NJC employed staff;
- e.2 The Council **noted** payment of £426.00 per month to the Clerk as salary for October and November at the new rate, including 12.07% uplift for holiday pay, of £17.75 per hour;
- e.3 The Council **approved** the back payments of salary to the Clerk to adjust to the new salary award for the months of April to September inclusive of £100.80.
- f. The Council **considered** the budget for the financial year 2025-2026 and **agreed** to set the expenditure budget at £16,344. The Council **resolved** to precept North Yorkshire Council, its Billing Authority, for £16,000, an increase of 10.35%, thereby setting a receipts budget at £16,059 for the year.
- g. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues to consider.

## 6.10 Correspondence received

The Council **noted** it had not received any correspondence.

## 6.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the NYC 'Let's Talk Money' budget consultation until 9 December; Parish Liaison update October and November; and the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee meeting 21 November.
- b. The Council **noted** the YDNPA Active Travel Plan consultation; and the newsletter Autumn 2024.

- c. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Bulletins 18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11; responses from NYC to issues raised at YLCA Branch meetings; and Law and Governance bulletin October; and the member training survey.

**6.12 To determine any Matter not included on this Agenda which the Chair considers must nevertheless be addressed as a matter of urgency**

The Council **noted** no matters of urgency were reported.

**6.13 Date and time of the Parish Council**

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed this meeting at 21.13.

**Marijke Hill**

**Clerk to the Council**